

**House File 251 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the enforcement of weight limitations for  
2 vehicles with retractable axles.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.463, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. A vehicle or combination of vehicles  
4 is exempt from the weight limitations of this section when  
5 a retractable axle is raised in order to complete a turn,  
6 provided that the retractable axle is lowered at the earliest  
7 opportunity following the turn and the vehicle or combination  
8 of vehicles is in compliance with the weight limitations of  
9 this section when the retractable axle is lowered.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides a temporary exemption from axle weight  
12 limitations for a vehicle or combination of vehicles when a  
13 retractable axle is raised in order to make a turn, so long as  
14 the vehicle is otherwise in compliance when the retractable  
15 axle is lowered. The driver of the vehicle is required to  
16 lower the raised axle at the earliest opportunity following the  
17 turn.